



SENIOR PSYCHOLOGIST, CORRECTIONAL FACILITY (SPECIALIST)

Exam Code: 2RC01

Department: California Correctional Health Care Services
and California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

Exam Type: Multi-Departmental, Open

Final Filing Date: Continuous

CLASSIFICATION DETAILS

Senior Psychologist, Correctional Facility (Specialist) (9287) – \$10,455 - \$12,233
per month.

View the [Senior Psychologist, Correctional Facility \(Specialist\)](#) classification
specification.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Final Filing Date: Continuous

Cutoff Date: Online, 24/7

Who Should Apply:

Applicants who meet the minimum qualifications as stated on this bulletin may apply for
and take this examination.

Once you have taken this examination, you may not retake it for **six (6) months**.

How To Apply:

The link to connect to the Training and Experience Evaluation is located farther down on
this bulletin in the “Taking the Examination” section.

Special Testing Arrangements:

If you require assistance or alternative testing arrangements due to a disability, please
contact the testing department listed in the Contact Information section of this bulletin.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

All applicants must meet the education and/or experience requirements as stated on this exam bulletin to be accepted into the examination. Part-time or full-time jobs, regardless of whether paid or volunteer positions, and inside or outside California state service will count toward experience.

Senior Psychologist, Correctional Facility (Specialist)

License: Possession of a valid license as a Psychologist issued by the California Board of Psychology. **And**

Education: Possession of an earned Doctorate Degree in Psychology from an educational institution meeting the criteria of Section 2914 of the Medical Board of California's Business and Professions Code.

Individuals who do not qualify for licensure by the California Board of Psychology or who are in the process of securing this license will be admitted into the examination and may be appointed, but must secure a valid license within three years of appointment or the employment shall be terminated. For persons employed less than full time, an extension of a waiver of licensure may be granted for additional years proportional to the extent of part-time employment, as long as the person is employed without interruption in service, but in no case shall the waiver exceed five years.

(Unlicensed individuals who are recruited from outside the State of California and who qualify for licensure may take the examination and may be appointed for a maximum of two years at which time licensure shall have been obtained or the employment shall be terminated. Additionally, they must take the licensure examination at the earliest possible date after the date of employment.) **And**

Either I

One year of experience in the California state service performing the duties of a Psychologist – Clinical, Correctional Facility or Staff Psychologist (any specialty).

Or II

Two years of postdoctoral, post internship experience in the practice of psychology involving assessment and treatment and either training, research, consultation or program-planning in mental health.

Special Personal Characteristics: Empathetic understanding of patients in a State correctional facility; willingness to work in a State correctional facility; scientific and professional integrity; emotional stability; patience; alertness; tact; and keenness of observation.

Special Physical Characteristics: Persons appointed to this position must be reasonably expected to have and maintain sufficient strength, agility, and endurance to perform during stressful (physical, mental, and emotional) situations encountered on the job without compromising their health and well-being or that of their fellow employees or that of inmates.

Assignments may include sole responsibility for the supervision of inmates and/or the protection of personal and real property.

Applicants possessing the required license/certificate at the time of application must show the number, title, and expiration date on their Examination Application (Std. Form 678).

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Senior Psychologist, Correctional Facility (Specialist)

A Senior Psychologist, Correctional Facility (Specialist), in a State correctional facility or outpatient clinic, performs difficult and responsible assignments relating to psychological assessment and treatment; serves as a department-wide expert and psychology consultant in a specific psychology discipline; consults with medical, social work, rehabilitation, education, custody, and other personnel regarding program planning, evaluation, and developing direct and indirect services; carries project responsibilities with medical and other clinical consultation; interprets program objectives and procedures to other health facility personnel, members of the public, and other agencies and organizations; performs operational and systems research studies of program effectiveness as needed; develops and maintains working relationships with other facility units, agencies, and organizations; works with community groups and agencies to develop supportive resources; prepares progress, financial, and other statistical and narrative reports on projects; participates in training programs for Clinical Psychology Interns, Psychiatric Technicians, and other student staff and volunteers; develops seminars in psychology; writes articles for presentation or publication; maintains order and supervises the conduct of persons committed to the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation; prevents escapes and injury by these persons to themselves, others, or to property; maintains security of working areas and work materials; inspects premises and searches inmates for contraband, such as weapons or illegal drugs; and does other related work.

Positions exist statewide.

EXAMINATION SCOPE

This examination consists of the following components:

Training and Experience Evaluation – Weighted 100% of the final score.

The examination will consist solely of a **Training and Experience Evaluation**. To obtain a position on the eligible list, a minimum score of 70% must be received. Applicants will receive their score upon completion of the Training and Experience Evaluation process.

In addition to evaluating applicants' relative knowledge, skills, and ability, as demonstrated by quality and breadth of education and/or experience, emphasis in each

examination component will be measuring competitively, relative to job demands, each applicant's:

Knowledge of:

1. Principles, techniques, and trends in psychology with particular reference to normal and disordered behavior, human development, motivation, personality, learning, individual differences, adaptation, and social interaction;
2. Methods for the assessment and modification of human behavior;
3. Forensic psychology;
4. Characteristics and social aspects of mental and developmental disabilities;
5. Research methodology and program evaluation;
6. Institutional and social process, group dynamics;
7. Functions of psychologists in various mental health services;
8. Current trends in the field of mental health;
9. Professional training;
10. Community organization and allied professional services.

Ability to:

1. Provide professional consultation;
2. Teach and participate in professional training;
3. Recognize situations requiring the creative application of technical skills;
4. Develop and evaluate creative approaches to the assessment, treatment, and rehabilitation of mental disabilities, to the conduct of research, and to the development and direction of a psychology program;
5. Plan, organize, and conduct research, data analysis, and program evaluation;
6. Conduct the more difficult assessment and psychological treatment procedures;
7. Analyze situations accurately and take effective action;
8. Communicate effectively.

ELIGIBLE LIST INFORMATION

A multi-departmental, open eligible list for the Senior Psychologist, Correctional Facility (Specialist) classification will be established for:

California Correctional Health Care Services

California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

The names of **successful** competitors will be merged onto the eligible list in order of final score regardless of examination date. Eligibility expires **twelve (12) months** after it is established. Applicants must then retake the examination to reestablish eligibility.

Veterans' Preference will be granted for this examination. In accordance with Government Codes 18973.1 and 18973.5, whenever any veteran, or widow or widower of a veteran achieves a passing score on an open examination, he or she shall be ranked in the top rank of the resulting eligible list.

Veterans' status is verified by the California Department of Human Resources (CalHR). Information on this program and the [Veterans' Preference Application](#) (Std. Form 1093) is

available online. Additional information on veteran benefits is available at the Department of Veterans Affairs.

EXAMINATION INFORMATION

[Preview the Training and Experience Evaluation](#)

PREPARING FOR THE EXAMINATION

Here is a list of suggested resources to have available prior to taking the examination.

In an effort to streamline the examination process, please create a [CalCareer Account](#) with CalHR. A CalCareer Account is a one stop shop for taking civil service examinations, applying for state jobs, and provides storage and organization for your documents and communications stemming from job opportunities, all in a paperless format. To sign up for a CalCareer Account, or log in to your existing account, [Click here](#).

Employment History: Employment dates, job titles, organization names and addresses, names of supervisors or persons who can verify your job responsibilities, and phone numbers of persons listed above.

Education: School names and addresses, degrees earned, dates attended, courses taken (verifiable on a transcript), persons or office who can verify education, and phone numbers of persons or offices listed above.

Training: Class titles, certifications received, names of persons who can verify your training, and phone numbers of persons listed above.

TAKING THE EXAMINATION

Take the examination for the [Senior Psychologist, Correctional Facility \(Specialist\)](#) classification.

TESTING DEPARTMENTS

California Correctional Health Care Services
California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any technical or administrative questions concerning this examination bulletin, including provision of reasonable accommodation for this testing process, please contact:

California Correctional Health Care Services
Attn: Examination Services
8280 Longleaf Drive
Elk Grove, CA 95758

Phone: (916) 691-5894
Email: CPHCSSelectionServices@cdcr.ca.gov
California Relay Service: 7-1-1 (TTY and voice)

TTY is a Telecommunications Device for the Deaf, and is reachable only from phones equipped with a TTY Device.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

The State of California is an equal opportunity employer to all, regardless of age, ancestry, color, disability (mental and physical), exercising the right of family care and medical leave, gender, gender expression, gender identity, genetic information, marital status, medical condition, military or veteran status, national origin, political affiliation, race, religious creed, sex (includes pregnancy, childbirth, breastfeeding, and related medical conditions), and sexual orientation.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) and California Correctional Health Care Services (CCHCS) are committed to building and fostering a diverse workplace. We believe cultural diversity, backgrounds, experiences, perspectives, and unique identities should be honored, valued, and supported. We believe all staff should be empowered. CDCR/CCHCS are proud to foster inclusion and representation at all levels of both Departments.

DRUG-FREE STATEMENT

It is an objective of the State of California to achieve a drug-free State work place. Any applicant for State employment will be expected to behave in accordance with this objective, because the use of illegal drugs is inconsistent with the law of the State, the rules governing civil service, and the special trust placed in public servants.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Examination and/or Employment Application (Std. Form 678) forms are available at CalHR, local offices of the Employment Development Department, and through your [CalCareer Account](#).

If you meet the requirements stated on this examination bulletin, you may take this examination, which is competitive. Possession of the entrance requirements does not assure a place on the eligible list. Your performance in the examination described in this bulletin will be rated against a predetermined job-related rating, and all applicants who pass will be ranked according to their score.

CCHCS reserves the right to revise the examination plan to better meet the needs of the service, if the circumstances under which this examination was planned change. Such revision will be in accordance with civil service laws and rules and all applicants will be notified.

General Qualifications: Applicants must possess essential personal qualifications including integrity, initiative, dependability, good judgement, the ability to work

cooperatively with others, and a state of health consistent with the ability to perform the assigned duties of the class. A medical examination may be required. In open examinations, investigation may be made of employment records and personal history and fingerprinting may be required.

Eligible Lists: Eligible lists established by competitive examination, regardless of date, must be used in the following order: 1) sub-divisional promotional, 2) departmental promotional, 3) multi-departmental promotional, 4) servicewide promotional, 5) departmental open, 6) open. When there are two lists of the same kind, the older must be used first. Eligible lists will expire in one to four years unless otherwise stated on the bulletin.

High School Equivalence: Equivalence to completion of the 12th grade may be demonstrated in any one of the following ways: 1) passing the General Education Development (GED) Test; 2) completion of 12 semester units of college-level work; 3) certification from the State Department of Education, a local school board, or high school authorities that the competitor is considered to have education equivalent to graduation from high school; or 4) for clerical and accounting classes, substitution of business college work in place of high school on a year-for-year basis.

This bulletin cancels and supersedes all previously issued bulletins.